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1. During the summer of 1949 an employee of the Bulgarian Government came to the village of Kerdzhali, a Mohammedan settlement, and announced that all persons waiting to be repatriated to Turkey could do so after filling out an application and paying 500 leva. Within a week the 200 inhabitants had completed their applications. Approximately fifteen days later the police came to the village and arrested all the inhabitants. After interrogation, six individuals were held as the ring leaders and the remainder released. The arrested leaders were sent to forced labor at Pernik. Similar arrests have been made in other Mohammedan villages of Southern Bulgaria.
2. At Sagirlar (sic) near Kerdzhali, sizeable underground military dumps and barracks were constructed eighteen months ago.

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